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## Memorandum

**To:** Directors/Coordinators, Exceptional Children Programs

**From:** William J. Hussey, Director *WJH*  
Exceptional Children Division

**Date:** August 9, 2017

**Subject:** **Parent Engagement Cohort**

The Exceptional Children (EC) Division, in an effort to support the Local Education Agency Self-Assessment (LEA-SA) process, would like to establish a variety of technical assistance opportunities focusing on Core Element Six - Communication and Collaboration. The EC Division would like to support a specific Core Element Six strategy; the “LEA facilitates meaningful parent involvement as a means of improving services and results for children with disabilities.”

The EC Division has developed the Parent Engagement Cohort to support LEAs in the implementation of increasing family engagement which include:

- Assisting in the development of parent advisory councils;
- Replicating the parent liaison role at the local level;
- Establishing a statewide network of parent liaisons and parent advisory councils; and
- Providing technical assistance through customized training opportunities.

The Parent Engagement Cohort provides opportunities to develop knowledge and skills in family engagement over a one-year training cycle. Each LEA decides which resources they would like to establish to support families. The training will include a hybrid of face-to-face and webinar sessions totaling 16 hours. Participants are expected to attend all sessions in order to receive CEUs for completion. Space is limited, so please complete the application by following the link below. The deadline for submission is September 15, 2017.

[2017-18 Parent Engagement Cohort Application](#)

The EC Division looks forward to these collaborative opportunities. If you have questions about the Parent Engagement Cohort or the application process, please contact Heather Ouzts at [Heather.Ouzts@dpi.nc.gov](mailto:Heather.Ouzts@dpi.nc.gov).

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